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SUBJECT No. 164.

Constitution of a Railway Board.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundiah, H. Boranna and K. Mahadevappa, Hassan Taluk, and H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan Town Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—It is desirable to constitute a Railway Board to decide questions relating to the extension of railways, facilities for transport, etc. As the railway has now expanded, the Board will do useful work.

Reply of Government.—The Committee which was already in existence was abolished as there was not enough of work.

One of the committees to be formed will be entrusted with this work, with the Member in charge as President. The question whether a separate committee is to be appointed will be considered later on.

SUBJECT No. 165.

(1) Laying down the railway policy of the Government, and (2) increasing the number of elected representatives of the Railway Board.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—(1) The Railway policy of the Government may be laid down.

(2) The number of elected representatives of the Railway Board may be increased.

Note.—Discussed with subject No. 164.

SUBJECT No. 166.

Extension of railways in the State.

Messrs C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevankote Taluk, and H. Krishnasastry, Krishnarajapete Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Railways must be extended in the State, if necessary, with the aid of foreign capital.

Reply of Government.—Mention has been made in the Dewan's Opening Speech regarding the policy.

SUBJECT No. 167.

Reduction of railway fares.

Mr. Lingegowda, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Railway fares are now considerably increased and great inconvenience is felt by poor people. The old fares may be revived.

Reply of Government.—We have got to follow the general rules prevailing in India.

SUBJECT No. 168.

Facilities for third class passengers.

Messrs. Amavasya Srikantappa, Bangalore District Board; H. V. Chendrasekharaiya, Bangalore City Municipality, and Bindu

Summary of Discussion.—(1) It is very inconvenient for people of middle class to travel in third class compartments which are generally overcrowded. Intermediate class was promised to be provided before. Arrangements may be made for the introduction of intermediate class in the mail train, at least, between Bangalore and Mysore similar to the one provided in the Bangalore-Poona section.

(2) Arrangements may be made to collect tickets at Seringapatam or Paschimavahini alone to prevent great rush at the Mysore Railway Station, and to sell tickets